



## Korean Security Experts and NGO Leaders Attend PACOM Seminar



Honolulu, August 15-20, 2010 — PA Seoul, working with U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), invited twelve Korean security experts and North Korea-related NGO officials to the **10th PACOM Security Seminar** in Honolulu, Hawaii. The five-day program, with this year's theme of **"The U.S. Role in the Asia-Pacific Region,"** is organized annually by PA Seoul and includes briefings and discussions between the participants and a wide range of U.S. Government and private organizations, including PACOM, the East-West Center, the Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command, the Asia-

Pacific Center for Security Studies, Pacific Forum CSIS, and PACOM's disaster response agencies. These discussions focused on a diverse range of security issues, including, specifically, U.S.-China relations after the *Cheonan* incident and, more broadly, stability in the Asia-Pacific region.

Highlights of the week included the Pacific Command Mission Briefing led by U.S. Pacific Command Foreign Policy Advisor Dan Piccuta and USAF Deputy Director for Operations Directorate at U.S. Pacific Command, Brigadier General William W. Uhle, Jr.; a discussion with former Ambassador Ray Burghardt, prominent American expert on North Korea Dr. Marcus Noland and China expert Dr. Denny Roy at the East-West Center; discussions with area specialists from Southeast Asian countries at Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS); a discussion with Mr. Ralph A. Cossa, President of Pacific Forum CSIS; a briefing and discussion with Center of Excellence leadership; and visiting the Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command and the USS Lake Erie, a Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser.

The seminar's Korean participants, who come from both politically liberal and conservative backgrounds, represented organizations such as the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, an affiliate of the Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Jeju Peace Institute; the Ministry of National Unification; the Korea Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation; and the Gwangju-Jeonnang Korean Sharing Movement, a North Korean humanitarian assistance-related NGO. In addition to holding Ph.D.s from American universities, participants also held Ph.D.s from Russia, China, Japan, Germany, U.K., and Korea. PAO Patrick Linehan, CAO Brian Gibel, CA Specialist Kim Nam-yeon, and RP Specialist Lee Ji-yeon accompanied the participants throughout the week.